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identified as the aimed N-biotinylcysteic acid using MALDI-TOF MS.

(2) Coupling of N-biotinylcysteic acid to peptide

As a model peptide, laminin pentapeptide (PEPTIDE INSTITUTE, Inc.) was used. The amino acid sequence of the laminin pentapeptide is as follows: Tyr-Ile-Gly-Ser-Arg-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 1). In this sequence, the arginine residue is amidated and is represented as $Arg-NH_2$. $2\mu l$ of 1mM dimethyl formamide solution of N-biotinylcysteic acid, 0.6µl of dimethylformamide solution containing 0.5M HBTU (2-[1H-benzo triazole-1-yl]-1,1,3,3- tetramethyluronium hexafluoro phosphate) and 0.5M HOBt (N-hydroxybenzotriazole), and 0.6µl of 1M dimethylformamide solution of diisopropylethylamine were mixed with one another. The mixture was then added to $2\mu l$ of 2mM dimethylformamide solution of laminin pentapeptide, and the reaction was allowed to proceed at room temperature for 30min. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with 0.1w% aqueous solution of trifluoroacetic acid and was subjected to PSD analysis by MALDI-TOF MS.

Fig. 1 shows the PSD spectra of laminin pentapeptide that is coupled to N-ciotinylcysteic acid. Fig. 2 shows the PSD spectra of laminin pentapeptide that is not coupled to N-biotinylcysteic acid. In each figure, horizontal axis indicates the mass-to-charge ratio of the ions (m/z), whereas vertical axis indicates the relative intensity of the ions